

AFGL-TR-80-0372



SUPPORT OF AFGL BALLOON TELEMETRY SYSTEM

J. Craig Erickson W.L. Craddock, Jr.

New Mexico State University Physical Science Laboratory P.O. Box PSL Las Cruces, New Mexico 8'8003

Final Report
1 January 1978 - 31 July 1980



E

30 September 1980

Approved for public release; distribution unlimited

AIR FORCE GEOPHYSICS LABORATORY AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HANSCOM AFB, MASSACHUSETTS 01731

THE COM

81 4 14 .34

Qualified requestors may obtain additional copies from the Defense Technical Information Center. All others should apply to the National Technical Information Service.

-	(12 REPORT DOCUMENT	TATION PAGE	READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING FORM
于	AFGL TR-80-0372	DN-AU9	ON NO. 3 RECIPIENT'S CATALOG NUMB' R
£	Think rack Submor	AU-lie 7	TYPE OF REPORT & PELLY OFFEE
Γ	SUPPORT OF AFGL BAL	LOON TELEMETI	Ry Final Reperie
İ	SYSTEM.		January 1978 41 31 Jul 8
ľ	AUTHO		/5 F19628-78-C-0070
	J. Craig/Erickson (W. L./Craddock, Jr.	•	
3:	performing organization name and New Mexico State Universit		10 PROGRAM ELEMENT PROJETT TASK AREA & WORK UNIT NUMBERS
I	Physical Science Laborator Las Cruces, New Mexico 8	y, P.O.Box PSL	76 765912AA
1	CONTROLLING OFFICE NAME AND ADDR		42. REPORT DATE
	Air Force Geophysics Labo Hanscom AFB, Massachuse		7 30 September 1980
	Monitor/Arthur A. Giannetti Monitoring Agency NAME & ADDRESS		fice) 15 SECURITY CLASS (of this report
		2/1101	Unclassified
1		17/	154 DECLASSIFICATION DOWNGRADING
			SCHEDULE
,-	DIST RIBUTION STATEMENT (of the obstra	cc entered in Block 20, 11 differ	ent from Keport)
• •		cr entered in Block 20, if differ	ent Itom Keport)
	SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES	consers and identity by block o	umber
	SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES	PCM, PAM, FM/FM Update and Modif CRO-11 Base Stati	and Analog Devices fy Existing Facilities ion and Mobile Telemetry Faciliti
.9	Telemetry System PDP-11 Computers Software: FORTRAN and MAR Balloon Flight Test Suppor	PCM, PAM, FM/FM Update and Modif CRO-11 Base Stati t: Pre-Flight, Rea	and Analog Devices fy Existing Facilities ion and Mobile Telemetry Faciliti al-Time, Post-Flight
.9	Telemetry System PDP-11 Computers Software: FORTRAN and MAR Balloon Flight Test Suppor ABSTRACT (Continue on reverse side if nec The Physical Science Labor (NMSU) provided support fo balloon telemetry systems. isting land-based and mobi Software was generated to	PCM, PAM, FM/FM Update and Modif CRO-11 Base Stati t: Pre-Flight, Rea atory (PSL) of the r the Air Force Geo Support included le telemetry facili utilize these faci estional support was	and Analog Devices fy Existing Facilities ion and Mobile Telemetry Faciliti al-Time, Post-Flight New Mexico State University physics Laboratory (AFGL) updating and modifying ex- ties located at Holloman AFB. lities during computer-supported provided during these balloon
29	Telemetry System PDP-11 Computers Software: FORTRAN and MAR Balloon Flight Test Suppor ABSTRACT (Continue on reverse side if nec The Physical Science Labor (NMSU) provided support for balloon telemetry systems. isting land-based and mobin Software was generated to balloon operations. Operatests for pre-flight, real	PCM, PAM, FM/FM Update and Modif CRO-11 Base Stati t: Pre-Flight, Rea atory (PSL) of the r the Air Force Geo Support included le telemetry facili utilize these faci estional support was	and Analog Devices fy Existing Facilities ion and Mobile Telemetry Faciliti al-Time, Post-Flight New Mexico State University ophysics Laboratory (AFGL) updating and modifying ex- ties located at Holloman AFB. lities during computer-supported provided during these balloon ight test activities.
29	Telemetry System PDP-11 Computers Software: FORTRAN and MAR Balloon Flight Test Suppor The Physical Science Labor (NMSU) provided support for balloon telemetry systems. isting land-based and mobin Software was generated to balloon operations. Opera	PCM, PAM, FM/FM Update and Modif CRO-11 Base Stati t: Pre-Flight, Rea atory (PSL) of the r the Air Force Geo Support included le telemetry facili utilize these faci ational support was l-time, and pc t-fl	and Analog Devices fy Existing Facilities ion and Mobile Telemetry Faciliti il-Time, Post-Flight Mexico State University iphysics Laboratory (AFGL) updating and modifying ex- ties located at Holloman AFB. lities during computer-supported provided during these balloon ight test activities. Unclassified CLASSIFICATION OF THIS PAGE Wien Deal Force





FRONTISPILCE

FOREWORD

This document, Final Report. was prepared by the Physical Science Laboratory (PSL) of New Mexico State University (NMSU). It is submitted to the Electronic Systems Division (PPR), Air Force System Command, USAF for the support of AFGL balloon telemetry systems. The support consists of engineering, instrumentation, system integration, and test support for updating and modifying existing Air Force Geophysics Laboratory (AFGL) mobile and landbased station telemetry facilities during computer-supported balloon operations. This report was prepared under Contract F19628-78-C-0070 and submitted in specific response to the Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL) Line Item 103.

Acces	sion For									
]	NTIS GRA&I									
	TITIC TAB									
Unanneunced [
Justi	Justification									
Fv										
Distr	Distribution/									
Avai	Availablity Codes									
	[Avoil Are	d,'or								
Dist	i [prela	l								
177										

TABLE OF CONTENTS

		Page No.
Frontispi	ece	
Foreword .		i
1.0	Introduction	1
1.1	Contract Statement of Work	1
1.2	Contract Administrative Summary	3
2.0	Contract Financial Summary	5
3.0	Technical Support	6
3.1	General	6
3.2	Work Accomplishment	9
3.2.1	Base Facilities	9
3.2.2	Mobile Telometry Facility	14
3.2.3	Software	15
3.2.4	Field Support	16
4.0	Summary	18
5.0	Recommendations	19
6.0	Distribution	30
Appendix .	A Oversize Drawings	31
Table I	AFGL Planned Cumulative Expenditure by Quarters	22
Table II	Cumulative Planned and Actual Man-hour Expenditure by Quarters	23
Table III	Cumulative Planned and Actual Fund Expenditure	
	by Quarters	24
Figure 1	Planned and Actual Fund Expenditure	25
Figure 2	Planned and ACtual Manpower	26
Figure 3	Cumulative Planned and Actual Man-hour Expenditure by Quarters	27
Figure 4	Base Facility	28
Figure 5	Drwg. 013088 HAFB Building 850, Telemetry Room,	
. 184.0 0	Telemetry Support System	32
Figure 6	Drwg. 013090 HAFB Building 850, Telemetry Room, Data Receiving Subsystem	33
Figure 7	Drwg. 013091 HAFB Building 850, Telemetry Room, PCM Subsystem	3 4
Figure 8	Drwg. 013079 HAFB Building 850, Telemetry Room, PCM Subsystem Cable Diagram	35
Figure 9	Drwg. 013089 HAFB Buildin, 850, Telemetry Room, Computer Block Diagram	36

TABLE OF CONTENTS, (Cont.)

		Pag	e No.
Figure	10	Drwg. 013062 HAFB Building 850, Telemetry Room, PDP-11/40 Rack Layout	37
Figure	11	Drwg. 013064 HAFB Building 850, Telemetry Room, Subsystem Rack Layout	38
Figure	12	Drwg. 013061 HAFB Building 850, Telemetry Room, Telemetry Equipment Rack Layout	39
Figure	13	Drwg. 013063 HAFB Building 850, Telemetry Room, Analog Equipment Rack Layout	40
Figure	14	Drwg. N/A Mobile Facility	41
Figure	15	Drwg. 013087 AFGL Mobile Van, Computer Block Diagram	42
Figure	16	Drwg. 013086 AFGL Mobile Van, PCM Subsystem	43
Figure	17	Drwg. 013065 AFGL Mobile Van, Rack Layout	44
Figure	18	Drwg. 013085 AFGL Mobile Van, PDP-11/10 and RF Rack Layout	45

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Contract Statement of Work

The AFGL Contract and its preceding documents outlined the need and solutions for technical support to AFGL in their high altitude balloon activities. Specific technical support requested included:

- Modifications of an existing mobile telemetry van to accept computer based PCM ground station.
- Design and fabricate special telemetry interface devices and integrate them with standard PCM and computer equipment for use in a Mobile Van.
- Update (hardware and software) AFGL's balloon reception base station at Holloman AFB, Building 850 for completion with the updated mobile telemetry van.
- Operate the AFGL facilities to support computer/PCM dependant balloon flights.

The above work included specific technical and operational objectives. The mobile telemetry facility (van) was to contain a computer based telemetry station using a DEC PDP-11/10 minicomputer and peripherals and standard EMR telemetry equipment. Reception and recording were to include an analog recorder and various antennas, receivers, strip chart recorders, etc. A special interface and software was to be fabricated to permit the received telemetry data to be routed in to the computer for real-time acquisition, processing, recording, and display.

The primary base station located in Building 850, HAFB also required update so it would be compatible with the mobile system. Such compatibility was to include both hardware, data media, and software.

The final technical requirement was to provide operational support to AFGL for all pre-launch and in-flight balloon operations requiring computer/telemetry systems support. This included both the base

station and mobile van. This operational support was to include the development of special software support to the cognizant scientist. Such software development was to be based on specific algorithms provided by the using scientist.

In order to adequately propose the level of effort that may be required, the RFP included man-power estimates. These estimates were:

•	Principal Investigator	1/2	Man-year
•	Electronic Engineer	1/2	Man-year
•	Technician	1	Man-year
•	Analyst	2	Man-year

The above were the basis for the subsequent PSL proposal and awarded contract labor.

Operational support was to be provided to not only HAFB, but to various remote sites. Also included were travel to technical reviews at locations such as AFGL. An estimate of such travel was set forth in the RFP to be:

- Watertown, South Dakota Two (2), two (2) week field expeditions, each with two (2) people.
- AFGL, Hanscom AFB Four (4), one (1) person trip for technical and administration coordination.
- Patrick AFB, Florida One (1), two (2) week field expedition for one (1) person.
- Holloman AFB, New Mexico Local transportation to total approximately 10,000 miles.

The above general and specific balloon support requirements were used in the preparation of the PSL proposal and subsequent contract performance. Minor variations in the estimates did occur during the contract performance. All preformance activities were coordinated with the AFGL Contract Manager.

1.2 Contract Administrative Summary

The AFSC contract F19628-78-C-0070 was issued by the Department of the Air Force, Headquarters Electronic Systems Division (AFSC), Hanscom Air Force Base (AFB), Massachusetts. The contract was awarded to the Physical Science Laboratory (PSL) of New Mexico State University (NMSU) on 1 January 1978 and was based on the PSL Proposal (78-AF-39) for support of AFGL Telemetry System(s). The PSL proposal, submitted in November 1977, was prepared in response to the USAF Request for Proposals (RFP) F19628-77-R-0356. The RFP (F19628-77-R-0356) was issued 19 October 1977 with all responses due on 11 November 1977.

The awarded contract contained a priority rating of DO-A7 with ONRRR, Tucson, AZ, appointed as the Adminstrative Contracting Officer. The sponsor of the work to be accomplished was the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory (AFGL), Air Force Systems Command. The principal invetigator for PSL was J. Craig Erickson who provided direct supervision for all contract related activities. The government's Laboratory Contract Manager was Mr. Arthur A. Giannetti with his alternate being Mr. Alan R. Griffin. Both government management personnel were located at AFGL (LCC), Hanscom, AFB.

At the award of the contract, it outlined a 24 month schedule, with the work completion date established to be 1 January 1980. A three month phase to prepare the final documentation placed the expiration date at 31 March 1980. An amendment (P00002) changed the work completion date from that originally established to 13 April 1980 and the contract expiration from 31 March to 13 July 1980. This represented an extension of 105 days. The contract schedule was further extended by 60 days by contract modification P00003; work completion on 14 June with contract expiration on 14 September 1980. At the request of PSL, the schedule was once again readjusted for work completion 30 July 1980 and expiration on 30 September 1980.

The awarded contract was cost reimbursement type with incremented funding during the period of performance.

The contract was modified four times during its existance. These modifications were:

- A00001 issued 1 September 1978 Changed Administrative Contracting Officer.
- P00001 issued 1 October 1978 Incremental funding.
- P00002 issued 1 October 1979 Incremental funding; extended contract expiration date date 105 days.
- A00002 issued 9 January 1980 to revise Contracting Officer information.

The modifications A00001 and A00002 were issued by the Administrative Contracting Officer and Modification P00001 and P00002 were issued by Hanscom, AFB.

2.0 CONTRACT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The AFGL contract outlined a two year technical support activity and a corresponding cost estimate. The awarded ceiling value of the contract was \$165,169. On its initial award (1 January 1978) it was funded \$73,250. The contract modification P00001, (November 1978) increased the funded amount by \$47,000 to a total of \$120,250. In November 1979, the contract was modified (P00002) with an increase in funding of \$44,919. The fund increment fully funded the contract to its ceiling of \$165,169.

The original cost estimates submitted by PSL with the technical proposal were composed of the following catagories:

Labor: 8,300 man-hours;	\$146,990
Travel:	15,704
Supplies, Communications, etc.	2,475
Total Cost Estimate	\$165,169

The cost estimates were distributed over the 27 months succeeding the contract award. Specific analysis of the estimated costs versus the actual expenditures are presented in detail in the following paragraphs.

Table I presents the planned expenditure of manhours and total funding. It notes that the program was extended four months without additional funding. Table II presents the total actual and planned manhours expended through July 1980. It shows that 111% of the planned manhours was expended. However, Table III which shows the total actual and planned funding expenditure, notes that 97.3% of the funds were used. Figures 1 and 2 present the manhours and funding expenditure graphically. Figure 3 shows detailed manhour expenditure by the type of employee. These data shows that the program was conducted within the dollar budget even though the manhour budget was exceeded.

3.0 TECHNICAL SUPPORT

3.1 General

The PSL activities on the AFGL contract encompassed two primary areas: system update and operations. The base station at Hoffoman AFB (Building 850) as well as the mobile facility were the focal point for all PSL support.

The activities at Building 850 were a continuation of similar efforts performed by PSL prior to the award of the subject contract. The base station had been in existance for many years and represented a very powerful telemetry station which included PCM, PAM, and FM/FM capabilities. An antenna system permitted manual pointing of a wideband and a narrow band receiving antenna and standard telemetry RF receivers. Depending on the operational requirements, data could be displayed on analog strip chart recorders, analog meters, analog recorders, etc. The station was manual and its capabilities were limited to those features inherent in the telemetry devices.

Prior to the award of this contract, AFGL made a conscious decision to utilize current technology to better support balloon ground data system requirements. The general approach was to utilize a Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) PDP-11/40 Computer system and accomplish the desired capability via a computer based telemetry system. By all indications, the PCM telemetry form of data transmission was to become the predominate method awaiting balloon payload designers. This, then, was the form around which the new capability was to be established.

The PDP-11/40 and its peripherals were installed and placed operational lithin the telemetry room of Building 850. A special purpose telemetry interface and a time code receiver/generator had been provided and were installed. A basic system capability had been established prior to the award of this contractual effort.

The preliminary results of such a system were good enough to establish a similar, but more limited capability for mobile remote field locations. This was a part of the technical accomplishments during this contract period.

The general operational philosophy was to first establish a good technical capability and then make it available to the various AFGL customers. General software had been developed, but it was expected that special real-time software would be needed for each unique application. Our role was to insure that the base station was in operational status, the proper application software was developed and to continue to improve the base station capabilities through systematic updates.

The mobile van was the area which was considered to be the first technical objective. A DEC PDP-11/10 was available from other areas within AFGL so it was made available to be used in the mobile van. This resulted in the two systems (Mobile and Base) being very similar except the more limited computational capabilities of the PDP-11/10. As a result, the hardware and software assets were interchangeable between the two systems.

The configuration of the telemetry systems continued to evolve throughout the contract period. Improvements were made, both hardware and software, to better respond to the operational and user requirements. Many of the equipment improvements were accomplished by AFGL through the acquisition of new telemetry, recording and digital peripheral devices. These were installed in a manner to fully access their many features and capabilites. Some of the improvements provided by PSL included:

- A telemetry interface for the mobile system.
- A time code reader/generator for the mobile system.
- A telemetry interface for the base station system for dual data streams.
- Patchpanels for the mobile system.

- Integration and testing of the systems components for the mobile system.
- Integration and testing of the base station system components.

At the present time the resulting computer aided telemetry system is capable of supporting most forms of balloon borne data encoding and transmitting techniques. Through actual use, it has identified areas to be considered for future improvements. Section 3.2.1 presents a detailed discussion of the actual base station configuration as it currently exists.

Although not used as extensively, the mobile facility has proven its value in remote launch operations. The configuration of the various telemetry systems is presented in Section 3.2.2.

The software aspects of this centract performance and, indeed in the operations of the two telemetry system, was the most significant accomplishment. Special software was developed as the baseline package which could be utilized as the "foundation" for all special applications. There were many specific operations for which PSL developed the "special" application routines. These usually consisted of algorithms to process selected data and then it's display. Section 3.2.3 of this document addresses these various software accomplishments.

As a general summary (Section 4.0), from our perspective, the development plan outlined for upgrading the balloon ground support data facilities at HAFB has been very successful. It has provided data in new forms with greater update rates than has ever been experienced in the past.

The analog display and recording capabilities have not been downgraded, and are available to be used. In fact, the user requirements have not been a total computer aided display, but a combination of the two. The more complex processed data is handled by the computer where straight parameter display utilize the analog features of the system.

As is the case for any state-of-the-art system, there are always improvements which can be identified and the AFGL, HAFB system is no exception. The capabilities of the system can now logically occur to keep pace with the ever increasing sophistication of balloon bourne instrumentation. The on-board recording techniques are becoming obsolete in the more advanced balloon payload systems. Recording capabilities are becoming increasingly more important to "capture" the data. Post flight data quick-look phases usually involve computer added processing as the raw data becomes complex in its representations.

More complex uplink command systems are a feature that would be highly desirable for the types of balloon bourne control systems. Such systems have very complicated sequences composed of many different command formats. Even uplink of computer programs to "on-board" computers are becoming more common. These suggested improvements and others are discussed in Section 5.0.

3.2 Work Accomplishments

The technical accomplishments by PSL during this contract period are discussed in this section. For convience, the information is subdivided into the following areas:

Base Station Facilities
Mobile Facilities
Software
Travel/Field Expeditions

3.2.1 Base Facilities

The primary ground data support for balloon operations occur at the AFGL facilities located in Building 850, Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB), New Mexico. The facilities are further subdivided into functional operational areas such as a control center, weather, and among others, a telemetry room. Most of the PSL activities under this contract occurred on the stem located in the telemetry room.

The telemetry system located in the telemetry room is an integrated complex of computer, PCM, PAM, FM/FM and analog devices. The computer-based capabilities extend only to the PCM devices. A picture of this facility is shown in Figure 4.

The purpose of the existance of the AFGL facilities at HAFB is to support the various high altitude balloon operations. Remote offsite operations are also supported using a subset of the primary facility capabilities. The normal balloon operations differ greatly from one user to another. The variances usually lie within the range of accepted PCM data transmission and formats. The support facility is configured to permit these variations and to be able to accommodate all users. Of course, many operations do not require such ground support since they may have on-board recording or have little need for real-time display.

The computer based PCM capabilities are for those users who have a need for monitoring the on-board instrumentation performance and/or resulting data so they may make in-flight changes. This need is satisfied by pre-programming the computer and various PCM equipment to extract, convert and display the critical data. Inflight changes are usually accomplished via the uplink command system (independent of computer control) and/or actual balloon flight control.

An extension to the support for such real-time needs are those for the pre- and post-test phases. Prior to the launch, careful interface testing occurs as well as on-board-instrumentation operational evaluations. These pre-flight tests are supported with the telemetry system using the normal "real-time" programs and/or special pre-test programs.

Following a flight operation where the computer is involved, the user often requires post-flight selected data display for on-site flight success evaluation. Additionally, the user may require the conversion of in-flight data from one media to another. This usually facilitates the more indepth analysis at their respective facilities. These post-flight transcriptions are a standard part of the capabilities of the station.

The telemetry system consists of many inter-related units, where the total is capable of:

- Reception of RF signals
- PCM Decomutation
- FM/FM data conversion
- Analog data recording and display
- Computer system

The above areas are integrated together to permit rapid reconfiguration from one type to another. Functionally, they are configured as shown in Figure 5. The displays are used by the various balloon flight control personnel as well as the project scientist/engineer to effect changes to better shape the succeeding flight profile and on-board payload activities. In all cases such control is effected through the uplink command system.

The receiving subsystem is functionally shown in Figure 6. Information is received by two RF antennas: a high gain and a low gain antenna. The received signals are routed to the receivers through multicoupler using pre-amplifiers to overcome the cable losses and low signal levels. Two receivers are used to discern the signals from each antenna. The antennas themselves are colocated on a single mount manually controlled from the telemetry room. The manual steering is optimized by monitoring the received signal level.

The command uplink antenna is mounted on a separate steerable antenna. The antenna type and transmitted power levels result in a normally fixed antenna orientation.

A fifth receiver is used to receive information for WSMR telemetry facilities.

The PCM capabilities of the telemetry room are the feature most utilized in balloon operations. A functional diagram of the PCM subsystem are shown in Figure 7. The subsystem provides for dual link reception and processing. The hits involved are EMR devices

with the formatting device being PSL provided.

Two data streams can be received and presented to the computer for real-time processing. Using the capabilities of the EMR units, selected PCM information can be converted to analog form and routed to the analog display devices without computer assistance. Each PCM unit is capable of being "programmed" (by from panel access, computer and/or cards) to accommodate a wide range of PCM formats, rates, etc.

A special PSL Time Code Reader/Generator has been provided by PSL to permit accurate time-tagging of the data sent to the computer. Such time-tagging processes can utilize any standard IRIG source.

Because the PCM devices of the telemetry system are the most utilized, a cable configuration drawing is shown in Figure 8.

The computer subsystem configuration is shown in Figure 9. The CPU is a DEC PDP-11/40 with several peripherals necessary for software development and real-time control/display. Currently the PDP-11/40 is implemented with 32K (K = 1,024) words (16 bits per word), and the extended instruction set. The UNIBUS is used to communicate with all peripheral devices.

Two disk drives are included in the computer configuration to permit software development program execution. The second unit enables on-site media copying for generating backup copies of data and disk resident programs. Currently, one or both of the disks are relocated to the mobile van when it is used.

A Pico tape system is used to record digital data from the computer. This recording device is the primary media for exchange of data, programs etc. with other facilities. A second tape system of the same type is used in the mobile van which often requires the use of the base facility tape unit as a backup.

CRT and serial line printer terminals are used for program development, computer program control and as display devices. One printer

and one CRT is located in the Operations Control Center, and one printer and CRT in the Telemetry Room. All real-time computer display output is routed to one or more of these devices. Standard balloon flight characteristics such as; altitude, temperature, pressure, etc. are routed to the operation center display. Payload instrumentation information is routed to the CRT and printer in the Telemetry Room.

Analog display and recording devices are available for the presentation and display of selected tememetry data. These devices include analog recorder(s) used to record the entire data stream received at the station along with timing. Analog displays include meters and strip chart recorders. All inputs (and outputs where applicable) are accessed at system patchpanels.

A set of rack layout drawings for the telemetry room are included with this report for completeness. The drawings included are:

Figure	Rack Drawing
10	Computer
11	PCM Subsystem
12	Telemetry/Receiving
13	Analog Equipment

The above is a brief description of the existing base station configuration. The operational environment is dynamic and as a result the configuration may routinely change. System components are often removed to support the requirements of the mobile van and other field expeditions, as well as additional equipment augmenting the existing base station configuration. These changes are often accommodated through the many patchpanels throughout the system.

3.2.2 Mobile Telemetry Facility

A second major endeavor under this contract was the establishment of a more limited telemetry system in a mobile van. This mobile capability enabled computer assisted telemetry support to those requiring such capabilities in a remote field launch environment. The mobile facility was configured from existing AFGL assests and has subsequently been used on several field operations. A picture of the mobile facility is presented in Figure 14.

The system located within the van is configured for PCM telemetry data reception, processing and display. A DEC PDP-11/10 Computer with peripherals makeup the computer subsystem. Standard EMR PCM telemetry devices provide for the telemetry conditioning. Strip charts and portable analog tape recorder(s) are used for data display and preservation. The overall configuration is similar to the base station but is not as extensive in its capabilities.

The computer system is a PDP-11/10 with 8K (K = 1,024) words of memory. No computer enhancements are included in the processor. A disk interface is embedded in the processor to permit computer access to RK-05 disk(s). Because of limited van usage, the disk(s) used in the base station are used in the van for field operations. Provisions have been made for both disk drives even though only one would be adequate for most operations.

A more limited serial line printer is included in the van to permit computer program control and computer data display. One digital magnetic tape drive and interface are also included in the computer suite for data logging and program exchange media. The computer configuration is presented in Figure 15.

The PCM telemetry subsystem has a single link capability. Input information is received by the antennas and receivers. PCM subsystem output is directed to the computer and/or the analog display devices.

The computer input of PCM data is similar to that method used in the base station. A PSL Time Code Reader/Generator is also included to accomplish the necessary time tagging. A functional diagram of the PCM subsystem is shown in Figure 16.

The analog recording and display capabilities are similar to that of the base station. All inputs (and outputs where applicable) are terminated at patchpanels to permit easy access. The recording devices are those utilized in the base station.

The van is a 32-foot semi-trailer which was constructed to house electronic equipment. As a part of the refurbishment process, PSL overhauled the dual air-conditioning system to increase their reliability. The power distributation was also updated to minimize power transients from adversely affecting the electronic equipment. The interior was also reconditioned as was the exterior. Rack layout drawings for the mobile van are included as Figure 17 for the computer racks and Figure 18 for the telemetry racks.

3.2.3 Software

The key to fully utilizing the new system capabilities lie within the software. This has been a continuing activity throughout this contract period. Programs have been developed for new users and new user requirements as well as a continuing improvement in the baseline routines. All aspects of such programming have been provided including the real-time, pre-test, post-test and data transcription programs.

Until recently, the software development was accomplished under the standard DEC Operating System (OS) entitled RT-11. This OS (RT-11) is very limited in its capability and therefore increases the complexities of the needed programs and reduces their throughput capabilities. Recently the base station computer system has been updated with necessary hardware features to permit utilization of DEC's RSX-11M Operating System. The later operational requirements necessitated the use of RSX-11M to be able to utilize the multiuser (or multi-program) features.

As a general philosophy, the software development was accomplished using FORTRAN, and, where timing was critical, the MARCRO-11 assembler. In most cases the software developed for the PDP-11/40 will not operate on the PDP-11/10 because of the limited hardware features available on the PDP-11/10. Almost all of the software executed on the PDP-11/10 was developed using the more capable PDP-11/40 computer system. The most recent software developments were accomplished on the PSL PDP-11/45 computer system since it has a broader developmental capability. All programs are transportable between these subject computers.

The primary computer programs developed for the AFGL computers include Earl Goods project and BAMM. Both of these projects have had several versions developed as the requirements changed from one mission to another. Various routines of these programs have been used to provide more limited computer data display for other missions conducted at HAFB.

Details of these programs are on file at the HAFB and are not repeated here. Various archive copies have been made to minimize inadvertant unrecoverable losses.

In addition to the software developed for use on the PDP-11/40 and PDP-11/10 systems, specific requirements have also resulted in a series of programs developed for the PDP-11/45. The latter programs were to accomplish rapid responses on the transcription of pre-recorded PCM telemetry data. Such data was extracted from analog recordings and was converted to digital form. These programs were developed for both Earl Good's data as well as a special BAMM mission. Once these programs were developed, turn-around times of 24 hours were easily accomplished. These programs are on file at PSL for future utilization.

3.2.4 Field Support

A part of the performance of this contract was to provide support to AFGL in HAFB missions as well as remote field missions. Several such field expeditions were supported using the mobile telemetry van. In general, several Earl Good missions and BAMM were supported. These expeditions were physically located in Arizona, South Dakota and Florida. In all cases the performance of such capabilities were considered successful.

In some expeditions, especially the Florida mission, they were supported using PSL and other project equipment. A routine process such as this enables maximum utilization of government equipment on a not-to-interfere-basis. In some cases complete telemetry vans were borrowed and in other missions vary levels of telemetry systems were borrowed.

These various field expeditions have been described in previous reports, so the details are not repeated here.

4.0 SUMMARY

The accomplishments under this contract have been many; perhaps the most important one being the establishment of a routine computer aided ground system support. The original objective was to establish a system/configuration to permit this user freedom in helping to fulfill his research needs. At the conclusion of this contract such a capability exists.

Improvements have been set forth to continue this technology advancement at HAFB. Todays balloon borne instrumentation systems have been rapidly advancing as have the flight duration and payload complexities. The use of mircoprocessors, multi-data stream, multi-frequencys, and high data rates are characteristics of these new imporovements. The ground station must keep pace with these advances so as not to obsolete itself on the threshold of success. Complex missions are now easily accommodated.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are always easy to identify in dynamic and broadly utilized systems such as the Building 850 and mobile system. A well prepared improvement plan must consider the overall objectives as well as organizational limitations that may be imposed. As a result of our participation with AFGL, there are some recommendations which we feel should be considered and are in concert with what we understand the ultimate objectives to be.

These recommendations are a compilation of specific items and general thoughts. The lists, presented below, are ranked in a general priority:

- A limited inventory of UNIBUS cables and other computer cabling is required to repair intermittent and marginal areas in the PDP-11/40 system.
- RSX-11M is a highly recommended improvement. This will require the following:
 - Full memory imprementation of 128K words. If four 32K word/memory boards were acquired, the existing memory could be used as a spare to optimize the mean-time to repair.
 - Licensed RSX-11M OS
- To increase the execution speed, the Floating Point Processor (FPP) is recommended for the PDP-11/40. With the FPP, the FORTRAN IV-PLUS Compiler should be acquired to utilize the FPP feature.
- Replace the existing digital mangetic tape system with units such as those provided by Kennedy, Inc. A two drive configuration would be best in order to provide backup and dual drive features. The existing drives have become obsolete and are most difficult to keep in good repair and are very limited in computer utilization. The replaced units could be used in the mobile van.

- Spare printed circuit boards for the PSL devices would facilitate rapid repair an essential when committed to operational support.
- A spare EMR 2763 Buffered Data Channel PC board to facilitate rapid repair. The reliability of the 2763 is such that a back-up is very important.
- A color graphics display device for the base station to more effectively display operational data.
- A higher speed printer to enable hardcopy output to be accomplished in a much more expedient manner.

The mobile van utilization has been some what limited of past. Should the demands on such a capability increase, considerations should be given to the following:

- Replace the PDP-11/10 with a more capable computer
- Replace the obsoleted data formatter with the newer versions such as in the base station.
- Acquire at least one, preferably two disk drives.
- Adequate spares for the PSL devices and EMR 2763 interface.

In addition to the above specific recommendations, there are some general areas which are felt to be logical and necessary advancements in the system capabilities:

- Implement a computer based uplink command system
- Establish a CAMAC base as a part or separate from the command system to more easily adapt to the various user input/output requirements.
- Incorporate CAMAC Touchpanel(s) for operation display and control.

The general philosophy of providing individual support to the various users is one of the best ways to make available the full capabilities. Its primary effect is on the software development; tailoring existing software to the new needs and augmenting them with specific mission unique algorithms.

As the system evolves, it can also be setup to be of greater value in assisting with the routing mission planning and reporting. With the establishment of a thorough data base, many statistical and trend effects reporting can be easily accommodated.

and the second of the second of the second s

sddlavijo '-	e, ave le	3 AYR 78 20 JENE 29	1 11/1 / 18 -	1 ort 78 - 31 3fr 78	1 1AK 79 11 1AB 79	1 APR 39 - 01 H RF 30	1 114Y 79 - 10 SFFT 79	1 (kT 79 - 31 (kF) 70	1 14% Fi) - *
LABAF	(S = 504)	(5 - fud)	(S - III)	(S - HG)	(5 86)	(5 - tth/	(S - HM)	(3 - 1141)	13 - 80v)
Abother	- 0:5	1115. 4	116511	21-11-5	258 - 3	S - 1900	3310 - \$	5 - 055)	3.2011 - 5
Technician 103	usi	- 6/5	R, 5 -	1030 -	12:5 -	- 1447	1655	- 5//1	1227
Principle Investigator	13.5	274 -	- 009	- 520 -	640 -	- 092	R 12 -	PAO .	0.6
Englimer Pol	65	447 -	- 199	- 482	. 016	- 1,601	- 1311	1775 -	1273
Printfomoni Specialist	3.	- 84	83 -	- 88	93 -	- 80	108 -	150 -	D.2
Project Coatrol Manager	2	4.8 -	. 86	- 111	111 -	153	176 -	- 002	- 044
Spiritary attendant	2	. 64	- 16	- 2 14	- 62	153 -	168 -	180 -	500 -
Zul-Jest		- 1,1	- 17	- 25	- 19		e ce	100	1:0 -
\$, Har 1 to 1 1	1371 - 411,920 27	27.13 - \$23,850	3854 - 533, HRK	1878 - \$47.067	- 52.4 810,17 2 - 5082	6-75 - \$ 41,115	7497 - \$ 68,134	7497 - \$ 68,1 W ANXII - \$ 71,115	R110 R7
SILESCE ENERS	\$ 4.175	S 8, 351	111,960	750.212	18.3	\$ 21, 390	S 23, Ash	\$ 25,410	955. YE 5
ALLOCATED DIFFERE LABOR	\$11.	\$ 4.670	\$ 4,633	017.8.5	\$ 10,186	د ۱۱, مدر	E 13, 13	\$ 14.508	. 1 . 6 .
OVERPA AN	\$ 2,630	171.6 \$	\$13,266	\$14,820	\$ 20,37	\$ 21.9 6	\$ 26,67	910'62 5	102 6E 5
TOTAL LARUS	\$21,109	111.333	565,665	677,182	\$100.810	\$118, 495	\$131,964	\$143,579	000.4212
TRAVEL, FTC.	\$ 1,684	\$ 1.164	\$ 4,580	245,8	9.5.4 S	\$ 7.536	6.4.0	\$ 11.778	\$ 15,70
Parts & Iddis	\$ 245	ULS S	\$ 723	S R76	3 1.01	١,١٩٨	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,856	6 7.47
TOTAI.	850°575	\$111.058	\$70,948	\$80,667	\$108,183	\$1.27,106	5 4 4 7 4 4 5		7.0

*farmanded from months without additional funds.

INDIE 11. CEMELATIVE PLARMED AND ACTOAL MAN-HOUR EXCEMPTIONE DE QUARTIKA

36 -# 80	<	5/87	s0¢0	435	7891	215	319	26.	7.3	41.7984
1 July 80 -# 11 July 80	1	0855	5771	076	1275	170	220	760	140	M Stru
80 - c 80	٧	1297	7990	166	1534	213	287	56K	53	4, 98
1 Apr. 80 - 30 June 80	÷	064	021	076	1:75	E.	P. 17	04	3	(Hrit R
bu - du	٧	7,189	:,745	<u> </u>	1, 100	=	n) !	552	Ξ,	1,46?
1 14m. Bu 31 Mat. du	ù	0,635	1775	3,	5: -1	5.1 -	3	ng.	97	0.46
- 41 . 45 .	٧	1217	26.79	115	11.25	S 17	1.55	7:7	5	7007
1 oct. 79 31 bec. 79	۵.	1550	1775	9RU	4.1	ŝ	a.	70	THE .	40%
l July 29 - 30 Sept. 79	٧	21.23	45.2	\$115	1068	717	169	77.	7.	17.89
l July 79 30 Sept.	d	3310	16.5.5	71 8	1155	40.7	1/6	£ 0.7	88	1.92
1 Apr. 79 - 50 June 79	٧	1835	:533	8/7	84.3	717	41.6	335	7.	7.172
1 Apr. 19 10 June 79	-	SURRI	15.10	/tri)	1031	7,6	153	15.5	7.7	6175
75 27	¥	1835	5.70	8/.	44.	7	ž.	3.35	7	05.03
1 Jan. 79 31 Hat. 79		1557	1275	3	21.5	5	133	1.13	د.	2005
. 18 - . 18	4	181.	- e	1::1	7.13	(0.7	156	45.	7,	5984
87 1541 IS	-	1017	luzu!	075	786	200		11.5	5.5	278+
. /8 - .t. /8	R	1612	66.2.7	730	;;;	, , ,		210	7,	7440
July 78 - 10 Sept. 78	3.	1630	S.	00.7	100	ŝ	ž	2	ن ;	tb5.5
78 - 1c 78	¥.	1117	147.6	751	ę,	5+1	2	1.1	20	2788
1 Apr. 78 30 June 78	3-	7411	67.5	27.5	145	å	82	90	ĭ	2745
78.	Ą	173	=	20.	=	<u>c</u>	2	ę	_	569
1 Jan. 78 - 31 Mar. 78	ù	615	, w.	1.87	:	÷	·1	:	13	137.5
		44.18	te evit Da	ERTWORM DATESTING FORK	95 47 7 7	TST WEST SEED IN ISE	TO SELECT ON BUILDING MANAGER	Vol. Whatelette beschieb	100	10 Tal. MAG-Hot Ks

BUT THE THE THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON OF THE STREET, BY SHAREFTERS

80 - 88	¥	67,690	57,260	11, .5.	2,475 20,353	705,7		+ 61,097
1 July 80 -** 31 July 80	a.	34,51 51,507 75,879 11,115 - 4, 47, 45, 47, 45, 75, 75, 873 75, 873 75, 873 75, 875 51,507 75, 875 62, 765 67, 690	. 45 . 40 . 40 . 40 . 40 . 40 . 40 . 40	8,+50 11,778 10,81-15,70-11,002 15,704 11,185 15,704 11,25-	2,475	*		41,542 89,667 45,424 108,38767,533 427,106 90,930 42,894103,945157,213 109,534 165,164120,285165,164151,339 165,164141
	٧	62,765	52,780	11,185	20,106	4,502	*	ecc, 121
l Apr. 80 30 June su	d	75,875	71,115	15,704	2,475 10,906 2,475 20,106	*		165, ies
- 08 - 08	¥	\$1,507	47,360	11,002	10,906	4,502		120,283
1 lan. 80 31 Mar. 80	٦.	678,61	211,115	15,70-		*		165,169
1 0ct. 79 - 31 Dec. 79	٠	47,250	36,556	10,81-	791.6	3,148		109, S 30
1 0, t 31 be	ч	24,115	797,69	11,778	1,856	4		157,213
. y ! k/ .!	٧	678,62	37,290		4,511	2,821		103.945
- 6, 95, 18 6 0, 180, 18	<u></u>	06,130	61,836	522,8 812,3	8,732 1,436	*		142,894
1 g 2 ()	-<	(98 °G=	1604	812.3	8,732	2,79,5		90,930
1 Apr. 39 - 30 June 39	<u>-</u> -	11.115	\$7.7.7	4,5.4	1,136	•		177,106
	¥	6GC*+1	31.416		1,031 7,929 1,186	2,775		67,533
,4 , 4 ,4	-	83.417.5	29			•		108, 387
	-		; E	:	ر. د. تاریخ	3, 1.1		45,624
7 .t	-	3, +	797.0		570	•		49,66.7
r.	1	3t		= ::	0,053	£ 6, 395		81,542
;	,	100,00	7	į	(*)	•		8.6.05
	,			;	5	5,331		25,058 12,331 50,115 19,6.2
	-	, ,	4, 134 41, 36.	:	ž	•		\$6,115
، ا با	1	۲.۰۰۵		;	į	(-;-;		12, 331
2 1	`	,	è : :	: : :	ê,	•		850,62
		dide state to the	4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -		AND THE STREET STREET STREET	1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1		katic Loral.
		_ 	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		24		

* Limitarit Expenditures not in Tabled in contract proposit, but directed by contractor to be supplied as part of total funding.

** One Forth only.
* Siel,092 to 9.5% of Planned Expenditure.

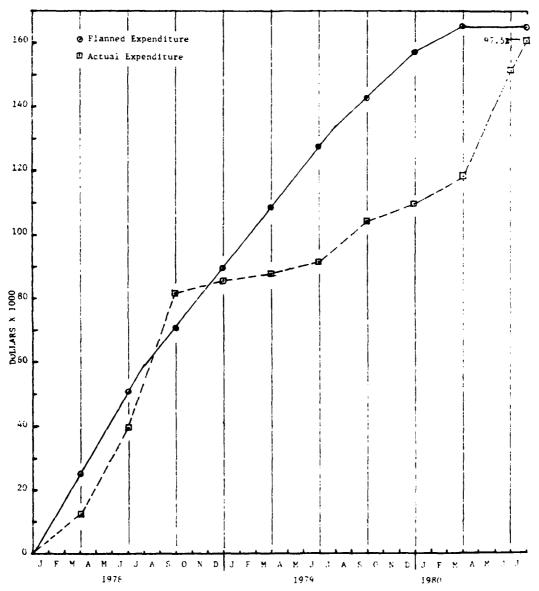


Figure 1. Planned and Actual Fund Expenditure

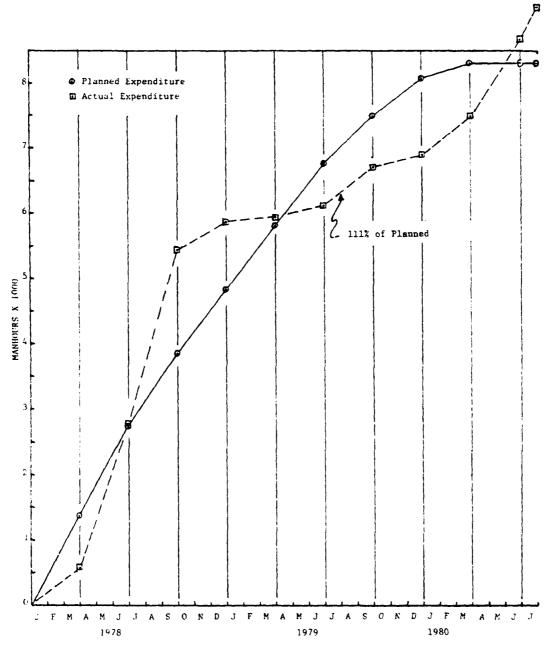


Figure 2. Planned and Actual Manpower Expenditure

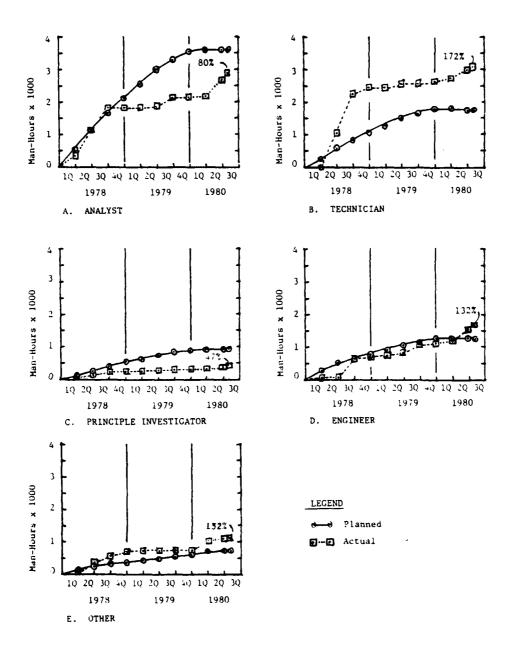
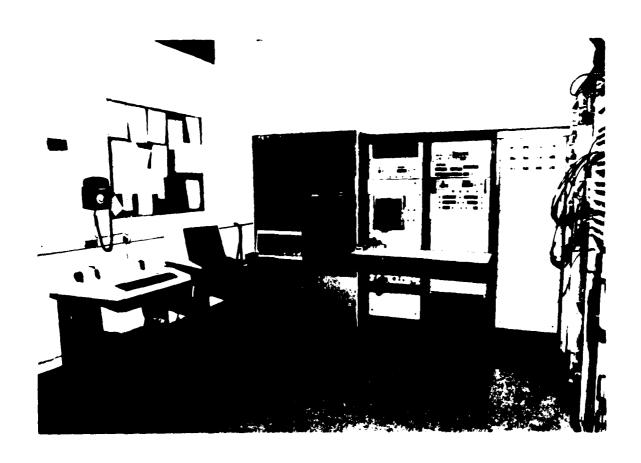


FIGURE 3. Cumulative Planned and Actual Man-Hour Expenditure by Quarters



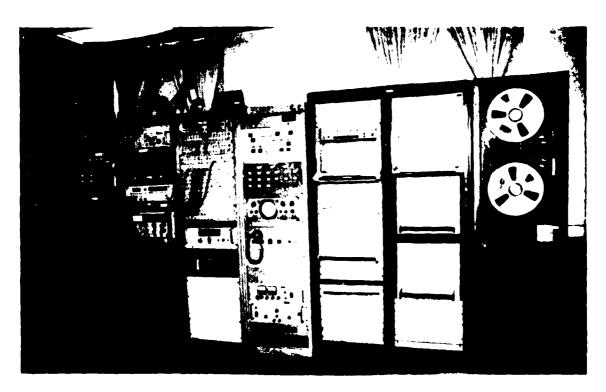


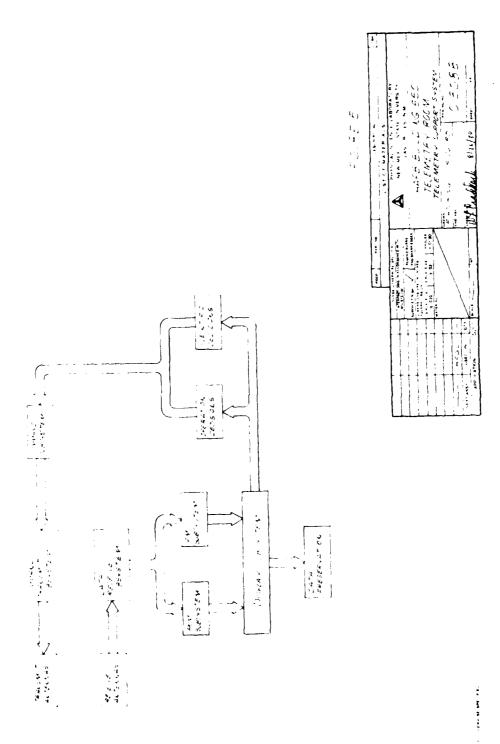
Figure 4 Base Facility

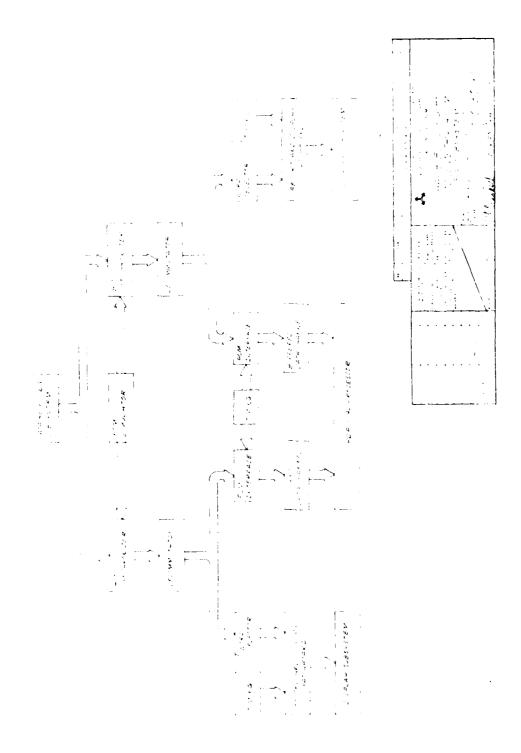
6.0 DISTRIBUTION

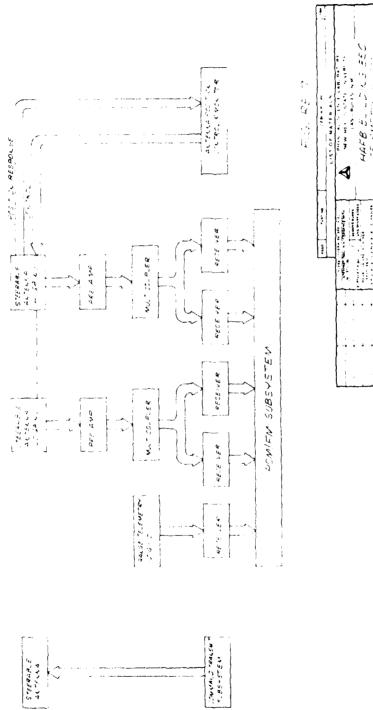
Copy No.	Recipient
1	Art A. Giannetti, LCC Air Force Geophysics Lab Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts
2	PSL - Contracts Office
3	PSL - A.D. Maio
4	PSL - AFGL Program Manager J. Craig Erickson
5	PSL - Project Control Office J.W. Hungate
6	PSL - Project Engineer Wade Craddock
7-8	Project File

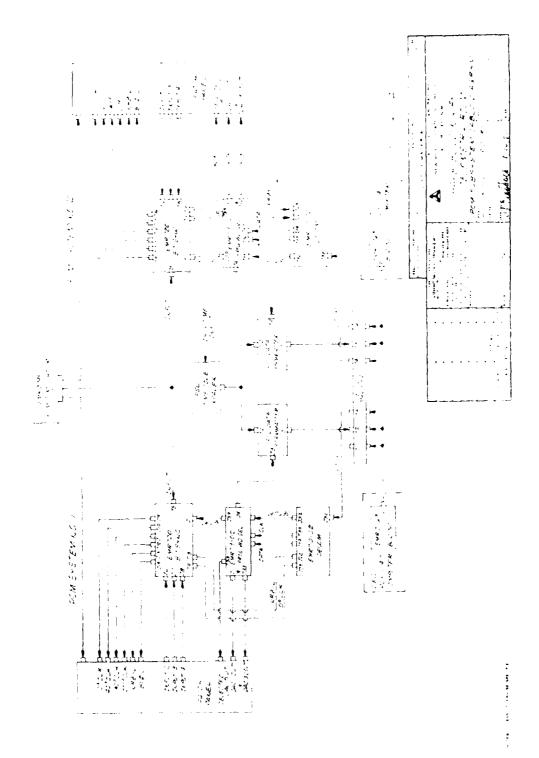
APPENDIX A

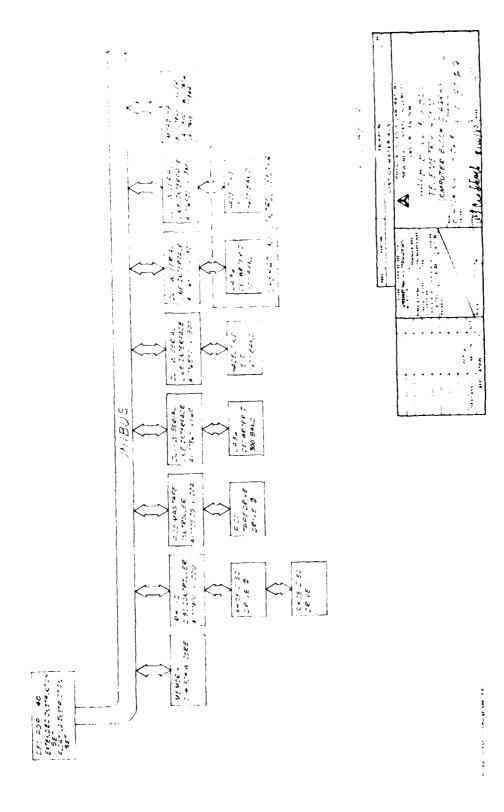
OVERSIZE DRAWINGS











10165

ILSTALED BAINDALES JONS STOF (1) DDV-OM, 9 3.0 %; (2) DOV-BM, # 5.075; (1, EMR BDC BACKRALE.

DON-DA S.CTS USED. (1, DLILM, A+176520, V=340

BOC 5.07 USED. (2, EMR) & BUFFERED DATA CHAUMELS DOVI-BY NO SLOTS USED

2. TASTALLED BACKPLANES COLSSTORT(), COLLIB; PK -- D) MM: - JP, PROCESSOR

A. THE DOIND IS A & SLOT SMALL PERIODIAL CONTRACE RADY-ALLE DOSTACLE DI MY CORRELLY (ARE DOING WY FARE TALL TRACES SEE TARLE TALL TRACES SEE TALL TRACES SEE

> B. RKI-D IS THE COUTROLLER FOR THE RKCS DISK DRIVE.

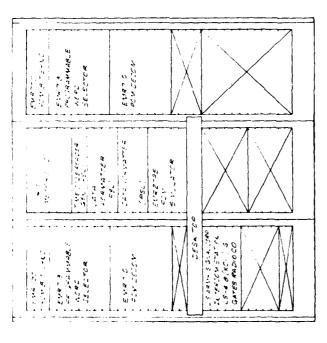
CITE WE LOSSER BAIR WALE AND BRING OF CORE WENCHY OTHE PROCESSER STLE ROCCING TER 2. TESE UNIS VAN BEUSED IL THE VIOLE GUAL FOR

3 XX ULICATES PLANK PALE.

	1	-	,	Adk 6.0". m	•
	_		8 'V 83. V3 4" . 8 7		
	1-17 MIL'S	"Transparent State of	Ty Stand	Particial C. E. A. Bobar Br	Ī
		Printed by the Committee of the Committe	¥	HEW WEST CONTRACTOR AND	_
		_	1	** ** ** **	_
	-		1		•-
				11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
	8	M.O		TELEWETRY PCC.V	
		\		PODO 40 RESK LA-6.T	
		\			
	/	ί.		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
5 14, 184 117	\		1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1		
APPR C 4710*			The same of the same		i

.....

37



The state of the s

M W. CATEC PLACE . ALE.

MIS PAGE TO BEST QUALITY PRACTICATIVE PROM GOPY FOR SPECIFUS TO SEC

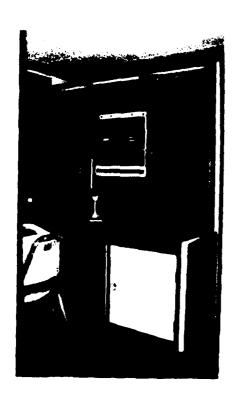
The state of the s

Caro One & Constitution 20 per

Substitution of the property of the party of







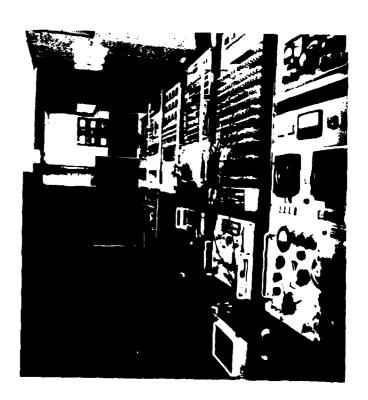
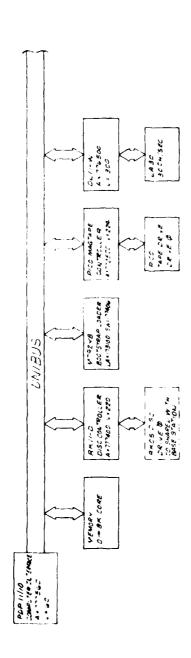
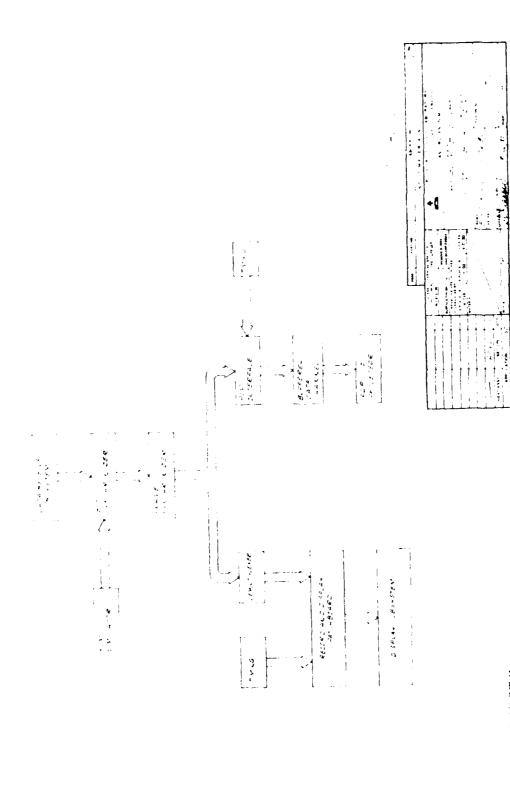


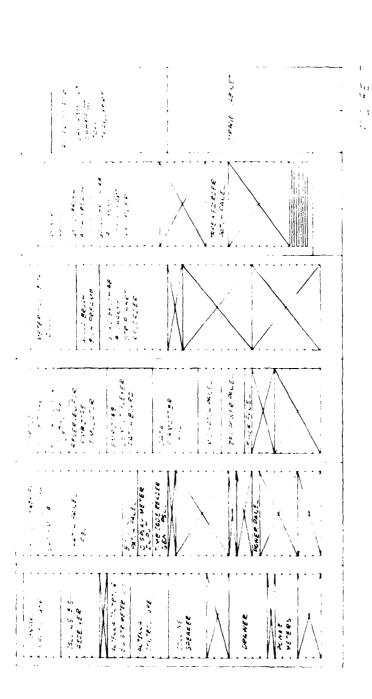
Figure 14 Mobile Facility



THE CONTROL OF THE PARTY OF THE

FIGURE 15





The same second of the second of the same second of the se

